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LOK SABHA

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SECURITY IN SENSITIVE RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has identified number of railway stations in the country as sensitive;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Division-wise;

(c) whether any Committee has been constituted to study and to upgrade the security system in these sensitive railway stations in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 185 stations in 45 Divisions, including 17 stations of Kolkata metro Railways, have been identified as sensitive / vulnerable.

(c) & (d): An "Expression of Interest" was published in newspapers on 19.01.2008. A seven member expert committee, constituted by the Railway Board for the purpose, examined the proposals received from the interested firms and formulated the mechanism for implementation of the above system and the same has been approved by the Railway Board.

Railway Board has approved the implementation of Integrated Security System at important railway stations under BOOT (Build, Own, Operate and Transfer) Model as well as Outright Purchase Model with Annual Maintenance Contract consisting of following broad areas:-
CCTV System.
Electronic access control.
Personal and baggage screening system.
Explosive detection and disposal system.

Integrated Security System will be installed under BOOT Model at important railway stations and all suburban stations in the metro cities of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai.

For other stations, identified as vulnerable and sensitive, out-right purchase model with annual maintenance contract has been approved in 2 phases. BOOT Model and phase-I stations proposals are to be implemented in 2008-09 and phase-II station proposals are to be implemented in 2009-10.

General Managers have been intimated about Board's decision. Guidelines & technical specifications of equipment have also been circulated to the General Managers.